

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1948 - HB 1767

April 3, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Encourages the Bureau of TennCare to examine and improve hospital discharge and follow-up care for premature infants and urge hospitals serving infants eligible for medical assistance and child health assistance to report to the state the causes and incidence of all re-hospitalizations of infants born premature.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$500,000/FY09-10
\$500,000/FY10-11**

**Increase Federal Expenditures - \$500,000/FY09-10
\$500,000/FY10-11**

Assumptions:

- The fiscal impact assumes that the action encouraged by this bill will be implemented and reflects the cost of implementation.
- In 2007, the Bureau of TennCare submitted a grant application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a Medicaid Transformation Grant for Neonatal Outcomes Improvement which specifically addressed implementing programs identified by CMS to improve newborn outcomes. The Bureau did not receive the grant, but the requested grant funding is an accurate assessment of the costs to meet the provisions of the bill.
- The grant was for \$2,000,000 over the course of two years.
- The Bureau of TennCare will receive a 50 percent federal match rate.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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